as an "Autonomous body" discretionary powers to entertain complaints even after one year and NHRC to be declared as an appellate body against the orders/ recommendations of the State Human Rights Commission.

These amendments are being examined in consultation with the Ministry of Law and are engaging the attention of the Government.

(c) Such review is a continuous and ongoing process.

Crimes against Women

3889. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of crimes committed against women in the different States of the country since 1991-92, year-wise;

(b) the number of prosecutions against those accused for such crimes since 1991-92, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government would recommend the establishment of special tribunals in some States for speedy trial of offences against women?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects according to the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is essentially the responsibility of the State Governments.

Available information in regard to incidents of crime against women during the years 1991 to 1997 is given below:—

Year	Incidents of crime
1991	74,093
1992	79,037
1993	83,954
1994	1,01,657
1995	1,09,259
1996	1,15,723
1997	1,12,785

(The data in regard to offences under the Heads—Importation of Girls, Sati Prevention Act, Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act and Indecent Representation of Women is being collected at the Central level with effect from 1994 only. Hence the sharp increase in the number of cases in 1994.)

The enclosed statement contains information about cases in which chargesheets were filed during the relevant period. (*See* below)

Administration of Justice in Districts/ Subordinate Courts comes under the purview of the State Government High Courts. It is essentially for them to set up such Special Tribunals or Special Courts according to their requirements in order to ensure speedy trial of cases.

Statement

Number of Cases of Crimes against Women in which Chargesheets were Filed During 1991 to 1997

S.No.	Crime	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
1.	Rape	NA	15816	15981	11304	11679	NA	NA
2.	Kidnapping Abduction	NA	15752	16918	7983	7699	NA	NA
3.	Dowry Death	NA	NA	NA	NA	3994	NA	NA
4.	Molestation	NA	NA	NA	NA	23615	NA	NA
5.	Sexual Harassment	NA	NA	NA	NA	4449	NA	NA
6.	Cruelty by Husband or Relatives	NA	NA	NA	NA	23242	NA	NA